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NEW YORK AP - Newsweek magazine says President Nixon, in a supersecret memorandum, has criticized U.S. intelligence for five recent failures.
The failures cited by the President, according the current Newsweek, were:
-Failure to predict the ferocity of North Vietnamese resistentance to the Laos campaign earlier this year.
-Misinformation that led to a futile commando raid on an empty prisoner-of-war camp in North Vietnam.
-Incorrect estimates of the number of Viet Cong weapons and supplies flowing through the Cambodian port of Sihanoukville.
-Failure to detect sooner the Russian-built surface-to-air missiles in the Middle East cease-fire zone last year.
-Discrepanices on how well the United States could detect possible Soviet violations of any arms control agreement, which forced an eight-month delay in [redacted] Limitation Talks.
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ADD INTELLIGENCE, NEW YORK (UPI-49)
AT THE WHITE HOUSE, PRESS SECRETARY ZIEGLER SAID THE NEWSWEEK DISPATCH WAS WITHOUT FOUNDATION.
"THE PRESIDENT FEELS THAT THE INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY HAS DONE A GOOD JOB," ZIEGLER SAID. "THE PURPOSE OF THE STEPS THAT WE ANNOUNCED RECENTLY IS TO IMPROVE COORDINATION."
CONCERNING THE REPORTED DECISION MEMORANDUM ZIEGLER SAID," NO SUCH MEMO EXISTS--I CAN SAY THAT FLATLY."
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NEW YORK-In Nixon-Intelligence [illegible] for second graf "The magazine xxx failures."
The magazine said the criticism was contained in a secret memorandum from the President. In Washington, White House press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said he had checked and "no such memorandum exists." Asked if he was saying that the Newsweek story was without foundation, Ziegler replied, "Yes."
He was asked if the President was happy about the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency. Ziegler said "The President feels the intelligence community has done a good job."
He said steps announced recently to reorganize government intelligence operations were designed to achieve "better coordination and continued improvement in that area."
The magazine said the secret memorandum cited:
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